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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON SINAI II

1. DURING QUADRIpartite MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, FRENCH AMBASSADOR
VIMONT REPORTED RECENT FRENCH EMBASSY CALL ON PYRLIN,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFA NE COUNTRIES DIVISION.

2. ACCORDING REPORT, PYRLIN CONCEDED THAT SINAI AGREEMENT HAD
"CERTAIN POSITIVE ELEMENTS": THE GUNS STAYED SILENT AND THERE
IS A "SMALL" EVACUATION OF ARAB TERRITORY.

3. HOWEVER, PYRLIN REPORTEDLY WENT ON, THERE ARE ALSO
"UNDERSIRABLE" ELEMENTS:

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(A) SINAI DISENGAGEMENT IS NOT TIED IN WITH

GENERAL PEACE SETTLEMENT;

(B) SINAI II IS NOT LIMITED TO MILITARY MATTERS, BUT HAS HAS A "MARKED POLITICAL CHARACTER"; AND

(C) INTRODUCTION OF U.S. TECHNICIANS IS A COMPLETELY NEW FACTOR WHICH COMPLICATES SITUATION. PYRLIN ASSERTED THAT SOVIETS ARE CONVINCED TECHNICIANS WILL ACTUALLY BE MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND THIS CONNECTION MENTIONED VIETNAM ANALOGY.

4. PYRLIN OFFERED NO PREVIEW OF SOVIET POLICY IN UN, NOTING ONLY THAT UN REPS AT SIGNATURE HAD BEEN MILITARY AND NOT SYG'S PEOPLE, THEREFORE THERE WAS NO UN INVOLVEMENT ON POLITICAL LEVEL.

5. PRYLIN STATED THAT MOSCOW IS STILL CONVINCED THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE IS MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT REITERATED SOVIET DESIRE THAT IT BE PRECEDED BY CAREFUL PREPARATIONS.

6. PYRLIN REPLIED TO QUESTION RE PLO OFFICE IN MOSCOW TO EFFECT THAT IT WAS READY TO OPEN BUT PLO STILL UNABLE NAME REPRESENTATIVE. HE CONTINUED BY LAMENTING "DIFFERENCES IN THE (PALESTINIAN) LIBERATION MOVEMENT."

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE SUBSTANCE OF PYRLIN'S REMARKS HAS SURFACED ELSEWHERE, THIS CONVERSATION IS FIRST ARTICULATION BY SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL OF MOSCOW'S VIEWS ON SINAI ACCORD WHICH HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION.
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